

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer and ADD new claim 14 in accordance with the following:

1. (previously presented) An electronic mail system for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of the attached file being added to the electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the server by the attached file retrieving means to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

store location information adding means for adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

log-in account adding means for adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein not only store location information but also transfer method information indicating the transfer method used by the attached file transferring means are added to the electronic mail.

4. (original) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein the attached

file separating means, attached file transferring means, and store location information adding means are implemented as exit programs on an electronic mail server.

5. (previously presented) A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program for realizing the functions of an electronic mail server for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the program comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of the attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the server by the attached file retrieving means to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

store location information adding means for adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

log-in account adding means for adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

6. (previously presented) An electronic mail delivery method for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:

retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

separating, in the case of the attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail or retrieved from the server to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred is stored to the electronic mail; and

adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

7. (cancelled)

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10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (new) A mail mediating apparatus for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to an appropriate receiver, the mail mediating apparatus comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, when first store location information is added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information;

attached file separating means for separating, when the attached file is added to the electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the server by the attached file retrieving means to a predetermined server;

store location information adding means for adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

electronic mail transferring means for transferring the electronic mail to which the second store location information being added to a mail server other than the predetermined server.